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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM MAYNES

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PORG, RQ, AS

SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO: LETTER TO MANLEY

REF: LAGOS 9856

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"WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,"

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FOR MR HALLMAN PLEASE PASS DEP ASST SECRETARY DALLEY

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED AUGUST 27, 1977

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